State Leaders Announce Return of $30M to Towns and Cities

Today Governor Chris Sununu announced the return of $30 million to towns and cities for road improvements as a result of signing SB 38, making an appropriation to the department of transportation for local highway aid and aid for municipal bridges.

“Addressing New Hampshire’s infrastructure needs is critical to ensure safety on our roads,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “This is a key first step in rebuilding our state’s infrastructure and reducing property tax obligations for every citizen in the state. We’re sending cash back to towns so that localities can provide relief on their tax base – a home run for taxpayers. For years we have heard how the state cannot control local property taxes, but what we can do is use infrastructure grants to give our towns more financial flexibility and target key areas of need to our communities, which will revitalize New Hampshire’s aging infrastructure, and reinvigorate our local economies.”

Speaker Shawn Jasper said of the announcement, “This year, Governor Sununu and the legislature have made it a priority to send money back to cities and towns. We are proud we can make local needs a priority. The distribution of these dollars demonstrates our commitment to improving our state’s infrastructure in each corner of our state. The health of our roads and bridges are an important investment for our communities and local economies.”

Special Election Round-Up:

Up Next:

Grafton Dist 9 (Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Grafton)
Primary: July 18, Election Day: Sept 5
Republican Nominee: Vincent Paul Migliore

Belknap Dist 9 (Laconia, Belmont)
Election Day: Sept 12
Republican Nominee: Steven R. Whalley

Rockingham Dist 4 (Auburn, Chester, Sandown)
Primary: Aug 8, Election Day: Sept 26
Republicans Filing: James E. Devine, James F. Headd, Anthony S. Rossignol

Hillsborough Dist 15 (Manchester W-8)
Primary: Sept 19, Election Day: Nov 7

Sullivan Dist 1 (Cornish, Grantham, Plainfield, Springfield)
Primary: Sept 19, Election Day: Nov 7
Republicans Filing: Margaret Drye

“Modernizing our state’s roadway and bridge infrastructure is a priority for New Hampshire. Due to responsible budgeting in FY 16-17, our state produced significant surplus that has not only grown the rainy day fund, but allowed our state to return millions of taxpayer dollars to our communities,” said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem). “Nearly $30 million will be returned to cities and towns to directly support critical infrastructure improvements that will benefit our citizens across the state.”

Click here for a full list town distribution amounts.

Insurance Department Seeking to Bailout Obamacare Individual Plan Market

The Joint Health Care Reform Oversight Committee met Wednesday to listen to a proposal by the NH Dept of Insurance to stave off what they believe will be a near 40% increase in individual plan rates for 2018. The commissioner warned the Committee that state’s Obamacare individual insurance market on verge of collapse. The committee will meet again on Tuesday morning to follow up on the request.

You can read more in Thursday’s Union Leader.

Hearing in ACLU Challenge to NH Voter List Release Rescheduled

After a federal court ruled that a presidential commission on election integrity could proceed with their request to states to release publicly available voter list information, a hearing that was previously postponed is now rescheduled for August 7th.

You can read more in Friday's Union Leader.